

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. to 11. (Cancelled)

12. (Currently Amended) An information processing apparatus for communication with an external apparatus which can interpret a plurality of device control languages with respective priorities, said information processing apparatus comprising:

an acquiring means for acquiring unit constructed to acquire from the external apparatus identification information which specifies one of the plurality of device control languages with a highest priority; and

a selection means for selecting unit constructed to select from a plurality of programs a program corresponding to the device control language specified by the identification information acquired by said acquiring ~~means-unit~~.

13. (Previously Presented) The information processing apparatus according to claim 12, wherein if no program corresponds to the device control language specified by the identification information acquired by said acquiring means, said acquiring means acquires identification information which specifies a device control language with a second highest priority.

14. (Previously Presented) The information processing apparatus according to claim 12, further comprising sending means for sending to the external apparatus an

instruction for switching to the device control language corresponding to the program selected by said selection means.

15. (Previously Presented) The information processing apparatus according to claim 12, wherein the program comprises a printer driver to perform printing.

16. (Currently Amended) An information processing method carried out in an information processing apparatus ~~to which an external device is connected, the information processing apparatus~~ for communication with ~~the~~ an external device which can interpret a plurality of device control languages with respective priorities, said method comprising the steps of:

acquiring from the external apparatus identification information which specifies one of the plurality of device control languages with a highest priority; and

selecting from a plurality of programs a program corresponding to the device control language specified by the identification information acquired in said acquiring step.

17. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable memory medium ~~embodying which stores~~ computer-executable instructions for an information processing method carried out in an information processing apparatus ~~to which an external device is connected, the information processing apparatus~~ for communication with the external device which can interpret a plurality of device control languages with respective priorities,

~~the method comprising the steps of:~~ wherein said computer-executable instructions
comprise:

code for acquiring from the external apparatus identification information
which specifies one of the plurality of device control languages with a highest priority; and
code for selecting from a plurality of programs a program corresponding to
the device control language specified by the identification information acquired in said
acquiring step.

18. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium according to
claim 17, wherein if no program corresponds to the device control language specified by
the identification information acquired in said acquiring step, said acquiring step acquires
identification information which specifies a device control language with a second highest
priority.

19. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium according to
claim 17, wherein the method further comprises a step of sending to the external device an
instruction for switching to the device control language corresponding to the program
selected in said selecting step.

20. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium according to
claim 17, wherein the program comprises a printer driver to perform printing.

21. (Currently Amended) A ~~computer-readable computer-executable~~ program stored on a computer-readable memory medium for an information processing method carried out in an information processing apparatus ~~to which an external device is connected, the information processing apparatus~~ for communication with the external device which can interpret a plurality of device control languages with respective priorities, ~~the method comprising the steps of:~~ wherein the computer-executable program comprises:

code for acquiring from the external apparatus identification information which specifies one of the plurality of device control languages with a highest priority; and
code for selecting from a plurality of programs a program corresponding to the device control language specified by the identification information acquired in said acquiring step.

22. (Currently Amended) An information processing apparatus comprising:
an acquiring means for acquiring unit constructed to acquire from an external apparatus identification information which specifies a device control language currently set in ~~an~~ the external apparatus, wherein the external apparatus can interpret a plurality of device control languages; and

a selection means for selecting unit constructed to select from a plurality of programs a program corresponding to the device control language specified by the identification information acquired by said acquiring means unit.

23. (Previously Presented) An information processing apparatus according to claim 22, wherein the program is a printer driver and the external apparatus is a printer.

24. (Currently Amended) An information processing method comprising the steps of:

acquiring from an external apparatus identification information which specifies a device control language currently set in ~~an~~the external apparatus, wherein the external apparatus can interpret a plurality of device control languages; and

selecting from a plurality of programs a program corresponding to the device control language specified by the identification information acquired in said acquiring step.

25. (Previously Presented) An information processing method according to claim 24, wherein the program is a printer driver and the external apparatus is a printer.

26. (Currently Amended) A computer-executable program stored on a computer-readable memory medium for an information processing method ~~to be~~ carried out in an information processing apparatus, ~~the method comprising the steps of:~~ wherein the computer-executable program comprises:

code for acquiring from an external apparatus identification information which specifies a device control language currently set in an external apparatus, wherein the external apparatus can interpret a plurality of device control languages; and

code for selecting from a plurality of programs a program corresponding to the device control language specified by the identification information acquired in said acquiring step.

27. (Previously Presented) A computer-executable program according to claim 26, wherein the program is a printer driver and the external apparatus is a printer.

Please add Claims 28 to 30, as follows:

28. (New) An information processing apparatus according to claim 22, further comprising:

a discrimination unit constructed to discriminate whether said information processing apparatus has the program corresponding to the device control language specified by the identification information acquired by said acquiring step,

wherein if said discrimination unit discriminates that said information processing apparatus has the program corresponding to the specified device control language, said selection unit is adapted to select said program.

29. (New) An information processing apparatus according to claim 22, further comprising a sending unit constructed to send to the external apparatus a request for the identification information which specifies the device control language currently set in the external apparatus.

30. (New) An information processing apparatus according to claim 29,
further comprising:
a detection unit constructed to detect that the device control language set in
the external apparatus is switched,
wherein said sending unit is adapted to send to the external apparatus the
request in response to an event that said detection unit detects that the device control
language set in the external apparatus is switched.